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1. REFTEL A IN AWARDDING CONTRACT FOR SUBJECT STUDY TO LOW BIDDER STATES THAT DUE DATE HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO JUNE 22 IN VIEW OF EMBASSY'S CONCERN RE TIME REQUIRED TO DO STUDY.
2. REFTEL B STATED THAT EMBASSY WAS PROCEEDING ON ASSUMPTION THAT OIM WISHED RESEARCH EVEN THOUGH REALISTIC DEADLINES WHICH EMBASSY WOULD USE WOULD BE TWO WEEKS LATER THAN THOSE SET FORTH REFTEL C. USDOC WAS ASKED TO ADVISE IF THIS WAS NOT THE CASE. NO REPLY WAS RECEIVED, AND EMBASSY HAS SINCE THEN BEEN USING JUNE 22 AS DATE FOR COMPLETED STUDY TO BE RECEIVED BY OIM. ALLEGED EXTENSION PROVIDED REFTEL A IS ACCORDINGLY NOT REPEAT NOT AN EXTENSION. EMBASSY COMMENT REFTEL D THAT EMBASSY HAS SERIOUS MISGIVINGS AS TO LIKELY CONSEQUENCES FOR QUALITY OF STUDY WHICH WILL RESULT FROM ITS HASTY NATURE REMAINS VALID.

3. EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO OBSERVE THAT TIME BETWEEN

NOW AND JUNE 22 IS LESS THAN SIX WEEKS. WITH ONE WEEK REQUIRED FOR TRANSMITTAL TIME AND FOUR WEEKS ALLOWED FOR STUDY, LESS THAN ONE WEEK IS AVAILABLE FOR CONTRACT PREPARATION PRIOR TO STUDY AND FOR PREPARATION
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OF EVALUATION AIRGRAM AFTERWARDS. IN OTHER WORDS,

EVEN WITH ONLY FOUR WEEKS FOR STUDY, JUNE 22 DEADLINE
WILL BE A TIGHT ONE.

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